

Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0010 Severe Weather 21MAR		
Date	March 30, 2022		
Time	9:00 AM		
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 29 to 8:00 AM March 30, 2022		
Report Number	9		

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 5, 6
DDCs Active	6, 16D & 22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Damage assessments are currently on going through out the regions that were affected by the tornadoes and high winds that impacted the state on March 21. To date, a total of nine (9) EF-0 tornados, 15 EF-1 tornados, eight (8) EF-2 tornados and one (1) EF-3 tornados have been confirmed in Texas by the National Weather Service bringing the total to 33. There are two more sites that have yet to be confirmed. The state of Texas has started to receive individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) surveys from the counties affected by the severe weather. As of March 28, there have been 1,732 reported.

On March 22, 2022, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the following counties: Bastrop, Cass, Cooke, Grayson, Guadalupe, Houston, Jack, Madison, Marion, Montague, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rusk, Upshur, Williamson, and Wise.

On March 21, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to mobilize state resources in anticipation of severe weather and flash flooding that is expected to impact areas of Texas beginning Monday afternoon into the early morning hours of Tuesday. Threats from the severe storms moving across Central, North, and East Texas could bring large hail, damaging winds, flash flooding, and the potential for tornados. Additionally, the state continues to support firefighting efforts in response to wildfires across Texas.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

Denton County: Tornado touched down near the City of Carrollton. iSTAT – 2 Submitted

Tarrant County: Tarrant County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on March 23 and updated DSO on March 24. iSTAT – 5 Submitted

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

Cass County: Cass County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22. iSTAT – 26 Submitted

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 moved to Level III (increased readiness) for severe weather and winter weather. Assisting local jurisdictions with damage assessments, DSO's, Debris clearance, iSTAT, Public State of Texas assessment Tool (pSTAT), and educating on the documentation process, long term recovery, VOADs, etc. EMCs are processing assessment numbers and setting processes for recovery in place. Assisting jurisdictions in identifying appropriate areas for joint PDAs.

Marion County: Lake of the Pines: Reported RV trailers overturned near City of Gilmer. Marion County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Disaster Summary Outline on March 22. Select areas in Marion County still have lines down in trees. Awaiting the Upshur Rural Coop to make their way to them. iSTAT – 7 Submitted

Panola County: Panola has spotty outages to due downed lines/poles that still need repair. Panola County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 23. Panola County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. iSTAT – 5 Submitted

Rusk County: Rusk County EOC is activated to Level II. Rusk County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Rusk County has a major transmission line down across US 84 causing large pockets of outages, there is no estimated time of restoration for repairs. Rusk County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. iSTAT – 37 Submitted

Smith County: Smith County ESD #2 EOC is activated to Level III. City of Whitehouse EOC is activated to Level III.

Upshur County: Upshur County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Disaster Summary Outline on March 22. Upshur Rural Coop is working in Upshur County to restore service, but still have remaining pockets due to extent of damage to power lines/poles. iSTAT – 87 Submitted

DDC 22 – Sherman (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

The DDC EOC is activated at Level III.

Cooke County: Tornado touched down near the City of Gainesville in Cooke County. Cooke County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on March 21 and updated DSO on March 22. Cooke County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Letter to the Governor for Assistance on March 22. Cooke County EOC is at Level II. Cooke County had four homes destroyed and one business with major damage. Cooke County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. iSTAT – 13 Submitted

Grayson County: The Grayson County EOC is activated at Level I. Grayson County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on March 23 and updated DSO on March 24. Grayson County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Letter to the Governor for Assistance on March 25. Tornado touched down near the City of Gordonville. Tornado touched down near the City of Sherwood Shores. Grayson County submitted a Disaster Declaration extension on March 29.

TX-TF2 completed Search and Rescue of the community and performed damage assessments on the structures. Of the 109 properties assessed, 53 were determined to be destroyed, 27 had major damage, nine had minor damage and 20 were unaffected. iSTAT – 186 Submitted

Grayson Disaster Relief cash donations will be collected by United Way as fiscal agent for the benefit of local storm impacted residents and first responding agencies. Text "gctv" to 313131 to make a donation today. Collections of items and goods cannot be managed by the impacted areas at this time.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

Brazos County: Tornado touched down Southwest of College Station in Brazos County.

Madison County: The City of Madisonville submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Recovery efforts are underway in the city of Madisonville and Madison County after the National Weather Service confirmed the tornado on Monday night as an EF1 with winds of 105 miles per hour.

Currently VOAD partners, American Red Cross in partnership with United Way have established a multi-agency resource center distributing food, clothing, and some housing.

Delivery of ice and water occurred and the Madisonville Volunteer Fire Department opened and operated the POD site for the affected city residents. The city of Madisonville is working with Brazos County Food Bank to receive food for city residents that are without electricity.

A mutual aid agreement was utilized with Harris County OEM to obtain and deliver a generator to support the county and city radio communications due to the power outage.

The city of Madisonville and Madison County with continued cooperation have established two Debris Removal sites. Debris removal is underway and instructions for residents has been issued. Madisonville Public Works Department is overseeing the Debris Management of the two sites.

Individual Assistance damage assessments are ongoing. Current numbers for homes: 9 Major, 20 minor, and 8 businesses. TDEM Region Two Recovery

Coordinators arrived Tuesday and will assist the city capture costs, DSO reporting, and provide guidance on iSTAT and pSTAT tools. iSTAT – 96 Submitted

Madison County and the city of Madisonville continue with their recovery efforts. TDEM has co-located in the Madison County EOC to support both the jurisdictions.

Madisonville submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 26.

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Houston County: Houston County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Houston County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. Houston County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25.

The Houston County EOC is activated. Approximately 15 homes were destroyed, 22 sustained major damage, 17 minimum damage, and 13 were affected by the severe weather. iSTAT – 78 Submitted

Nacogdoches County: Nacogdoches County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Nacogdoches County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 24. Nacogdoches County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. Nacogdoches County EOC is activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

The Nacogdoches EOC is activated. Approximately 22 homes were destroyed, 55 sustained major damage, 34 minimum damage, and 24 were affected by the severe weather. iSTAT – 138 Submitted

DDC 16 – Rosenberg (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties):

DDC 16D activated to Readiness Level III (increased readiness). They are reported damages to structures and utility poles in Wharton County, and some damages to mobile homes in Fort Bend County.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

Jack County: Tornado debris field in Jacksboro approximately 10-15 miles long, 1/2 mile wide from Barton Chapel Rd to Hwy 59. TPWD in Jack County responded to Jacksboro to assist with search and rescue efforts. Tornado damaged schools in Jacksboro the students were taking shelter within the structure itself. Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) Disaster Relief (DR) still providing meals, shelter, showers, and laundry services for first responders, relief workers, and displaced families. iSTAT – 258 Submitted

Jack County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22.

Montague County: Tornado touched down near the City of Bowie. City of Bowie Submitted Disaster Declaration on March 21. iSTAT – 75 Submitted

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties)

Bastrop County: Bastrop County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Bastrop County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 24. Bastrop County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. iSTAT – 127 Submitted.

Caldwell County: Tornado touched down near the City of Luling.

Travis County:

City of Elgin: Reports of a tornado touch down in Elgin. iSTAT – 38 Submitted

Damage assessments are ongoing in the City of Elgin.. Approximately 65 homes were damaged by the tornado in upper Elgin.

Williamson County: Williamson County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 21. Williamson County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 26. iSTAT – 475 Submitted

City of Granger: Tornado touched down near Granger.

City of Round Rock: Tornado touched down in the city. Reports of an overturned semi-truck and trees uprooted after tornado touched down in Round Rock. Reports of businesses damaged within the Round Rock city limits. A woman was rescued

from a collapsed structure in Round Rock. Numerous homes reported to have been damaged. The City of Round Rock submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22 and a Disaster Summary Outline on March 23.

City of Jarrell: The City of Jarrell submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 23.

City of Taylor: The City of Taylor issued a Disaster Summary Outline on March 22.

DDC 18 – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

Guadalupe County: Tornado touched down near the City of Kingsbury. Guadalupe County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Guadalupe County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. iSTAT – 7 Submitted

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Bell County: Tornado touched down on Ft. Hood. Ft. Hood reported their weather radar was potentially damaged.

Milam County: Tornado touched down near the City of Rockdale. iSTAT – 1 Submitted

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Texas A&M University System (TAMUS): Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations. TDEM has conducted two statewide recovery coordination calls with local officials from impacted jurisdictions, with a third call scheduled for 1:00 PM, Friday, March 25.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): The CCG is working with their public, private, vendor and volunteer partners to respond to possible communications outages caused by the severe weather event. The tornado that went through the city of Jacksboro impacted the cellular network supporting Jacksboro, resulting in a degraded network. The various cellular providers

responded by deploying equipment and personnel. AT&T FirstNet deployed two SAT COLTs and associated personnel. Verizon deployed technicians and support equipment. The Commission on State Emergency Communication (CSEC) is confirming possible impacts to PSAP 9-1-1 service in Jack County.

TDEM Mass Care: All current ARC sheltering activities are pending coordination and confirmation, and a midnight shelter count will be provided on March 24 at 7:00 AM. ARC will utilize local vendors, shelf stable meals, snacks and water in ARC managed shelters. ARC has a Multi-Agency Resource Center in Round Rock, with another under consideration in Houston County, and is providing recovery planning and assistance to those residents impacted by the severe weather on March 22 beginning on March 24. ARC will also work with feeding partners to support shelter operations. ARC teams are moving into impacted areas to provide information to clients on where to find community services and donations. ARC is coordinating with local, state, and federal emergency management partners on planning assumptions and response activities. Red Cross had one fixed feeding site and four vehicles providing mobile feeding, with 694 total meals and 966 total snacks served. Red Cross served 214 total DES households and distributed 32 total clean up kits, 48 total comfort kits and 368 total other DES items. The ARC has been monitoring the various counties within the state for any asks or needs. ARC assessed 951 homes. There are 152 homes destroyed, 181 homes with major damage, 299 homes with minor damage, and 305 homes affected.

Shelters:

Facility Name	Location	Status	Population
Twin Lakes	Jacksboro	Open	3
Community Center			

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): PDAs were completed, and all personnel were demobilized to return home.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): The TX-PWRT advance team demobilized.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS was demobilized on Friday, March 25.

Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC was demobilized on Friday, March 25.

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC was demobilized on Friday, March 25.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): One Public Drinking Water systems have issued a Boil Water Notice. These systems serve 1,755 people.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS was demobilized on Friday, March 25.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC was demobilized on Friday, March 25.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS was demobilized on Friday, March 25.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TCEQ	Staff	2		Activated	R-SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 and Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery operations. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:

https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/

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